GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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COMPLAINT AGAINST USA IN WTO
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has lodged a complaint with the WTO against a new US law, that would award the proceeds of anti-dumping sanctions to the affected American industry;

(b) if so, the reaction of the WTO on such complaint;

(c) whether the WTO have been watching the interests of only developed countries and ignoring the economic conditions of developing countries; and

(d) if so, the further reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. On 21st December, 2000, India along with the European Union, Japan and certain other countries had requested for consultations with the USA under the dispute settlement mechanism of the World Trade Organisation against an amendment to the Tariff Act of 1930 with the title `Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset Act of 2000` by the USA. This Act proposes to distribute to the affected domestic producers of the USA, the anti-dumping and countervailing duties imposed and collected on imports from other countries. India and the other co-complainant countries held consultations with the USA under the dispute settlement mechanism of the World Trade Organisation on 6th February 2001.

(c) & (d) : The World Trade Organisation (WTO) provides the common institutional framework for the conduct of trade relations among its member countries. India has been actively pursuing the interests of developing countries in this regard and emphasizing the importance of fully taking into account their needs and concerns for promoting their economic development.